

## Ask Mrs. Manners— How Important Are the Words, 'I Love You'?

Dear Mrs. Manners:

YOUR COLUMN has interested me tremendously for the same reasons given by "Troubled," who has a melancholy girl. I, too, have never before written this type of letter but his problem and your reply which, for once, I deem inadequate in understanding, impel me now.

To me, the key to his situation lies in his statement, "I would do anything for this woman if it were possible to have a normal relationship for a prolonged period of time—"anything," obviously but reassurance of permanency, the dream and right of any woman truly in love. Lacking that and accepting its absence, she must want desperately the constant proof of his love. For nothing less can a woman such as he describes give that "prolonged period" of constancy.

When a woman strikes at a man she loves and wants, HE has deeply hurt and faded her first. Let "Troubled" use a little honest psycho-analysis on his own actions. Then perhaps he will face reality and admit that the sadism (and arrogance glaringly apparent in his letter) are not her's alone.

If only men realized that the words "I love you" eternally reiterated are all that are required to banish melancholia and insure docile devotion from even the most intelligent of us. Without those words we reach, eventually, the final "separation." I know because my case is theirs—only I have no hope of the happy ending. I pray that this letter may help "Troubled" and his friend attain. BEREFT.

How well you express yourself! Help us again, won't you?

A pretty wife won't remain nearly as pretty and appealing without compliments from her husband. If we could just persuade a husband to be as enthusiastic about his wife as he is about a girl friend the wife might be more like a girl friend. A wife can wear the same hat that draws her husband's attention on the head of another woman (only half as pretty)—and meet razing response. She'd probably go fishing with her husband, like he wants, if he graciously invited her.

You're right—women react strongly to injuries, but don't you think men do, too, in milder form? Men and women want closeness and a secure love and home with too little effort. It's a careless letting down by both parties after a few failures that causes trouble.

### No Names—Absolutely

I READ the letter by the person telling about being 29 and "life passing by." Since I'm 29 and spend long hours working I can easily understand how hard it is to make one's self available at the right time.

Would it be possible for me to have that person's address?—B. W.

I don't disclose names or addresses—but my heart is warmed by the many kindnesses that people are anxious to extend. Be just as friendly verbally to the people you meet as you have been in writing.

### Should Divorced Woman Stay Home and Grieve?

I AM A VERY GOOD FRIEND of the wonderful woman, "Mrs. G. R. W." who wrote. She is a good woman and was a true and good wife. Yet, out of the "blue sky" her husband asked for a divorce after they were married 29 years. Her reply was "no" but he applied and got the divorce. Now she is living alone and going few places.

We friends try to get her out. I know of two very nice unmarried men who think she is fine. One of them is a prominent businessman with plenty of money and a nice car. He has asked her out for an evening to cheer her up, but she can't seem to make up her mind.

Do you think she should stay at home and grieve over her husband? He has done her so dirty and ruined her health. MRS. M. C.

Your friend may be enjoying her broken heart, though she would deny it. Let her stay home awhile. Losing contacts may bring her around. If she has to work at being pleasant to regain friends she'll learn a lesson. She is thinking too much about herself.

Let her get lonely—you aren't getting any place the other way—but be on hand when she wants you again.

### Asks About an Estate Problem

MY FATHER and mother (she is a full-blooded Indian) married in Oklahoma and we lived there until we moved to Arkansas. My father died in Arkansas in 1900. My uncle came and moved us to our aunt's home—there were five of us "kids."

Our mother never told us then that our father had a farm. Do you think I could get it or would it take lots of money to fight in court? There are only three of us now living and my brother and sister want me to go and take the farm away from our father's cousin who has lived in the house since 1900. My mother remarried and her husband was mean to us. The neighbors stepped in and put us out in homes.

Could you give me the county seat of Paragould or Marmaduke, Ark? I still have the same men I met 29 years ago. I'm not sorry either, because I'm happy with him. We get along fine. READER.

You need a lawyer. Whether or not you get the farm, you can be grateful that you have a happy marriage. Paragould and Marmaduke are in Greene County, Arkansas, and Paragould is the county seat.

### To 'Lucky': 'Don't Ruin Your Luck'

TO "LUCKY"—You sign your letter "Lucky" and then go out of your way to ruin your luck. The communication sent to you by your husband's ex-girl may have been a friendly gesture. If not, you'd have been wise to pretend that it was friendly—and unimportant.

Your husband is on your side—what more do you want? You may convince him that the other girl would have been a better wife if you keep stirring up trouble. Where's your pride—don't you want them to think that you're a better wife than the other girl would have been? You'll have to win them, not aggravate them, to get along.

Forget those older people. They won't like you any better if you keep stirring up trouble. Where's your pride—don't you want them to think that you're a better wife than the other girl would have been? You'll have to win them, not aggravate them, to get along.

Let Mrs. Manners and readers of the column share your problems and answer your questions. Write in care of The Times, 214 W. Maryland St.

## Legion Conference Here To Discuss U. S. Defense

The Indiana American Legion midwinter conference has scheduled discussion of universal military training legislation and other matters relating to national defense Saturday and Sunday.

Officials have announced that dividing United States defenses, the need of UMT legislation, a seminar on best ways to combat un-American activities will highlight the program.

Perry S. Brown of Beaumont, Tex., chairman of the legion's national defense commission, will address 800 legion post officers, legionnaires and auxiliary members Sunday at 10 a. m. in the Hotel Anderson.

A seminar on communistic infiltration and how to combat un-

American activities will be held Saturday at 4 p. m. in the War Memorial building. A Wayne Murphy, who is preparing a thesis on "Communism" as part of his credits toward a Ph. D. degree, and Karl Baarslag of Washington, D. C., will conduct the seminar.

Legionnaires will be guests of honor at a dinner and dance Saturday night. The state legion executive committee will meet Friday night and 40 legion committees will hold sessions during the two-day conference.

### ROOM FOR CHILDREN

A St. Louis hospital has a room specially fitted for operating on children. It is decorated with scenes from fairy tales.

## Scouts Announce 1948 Committees

### Central District To Confer Sunday

P. E. Glass, chairman of the Central District of the Central Indiana Council, Boy Scouts of America, today announced the appointment of committees for 1948.

The advancement committee includes John Hume, chairman; Anthony Lawrence, Joseph Wicker, Syl Hulsman, Cliff Meier, Les Whitaker, John Commons, Walter B. Fries and Harry Krug.

Members of the camping and activities committee are Harley Corey, chairman; W. O. Tabor, Ralph Swingle, R. F. Oberlies, M. L. Nollau, Russell E. Hiner, J. D. Messmer, Chelsea Stewart and Byrl Hamilton. Leadership training committee members are William Peary, Dr. R. M. Whitmore, Emil Rinsch, Dorrell Gooch, Erwin Bohn, Harold Bishop, Frank M. Cox, Rudolph Schreiber and George Fisher.

On the health and safety committee are Charles D. Mosier, chairman; Dr. Robert Dills, Ray Shipley, T. O. Shellenbarger, Dr. Donald F. Berry, Glen H. Whitaker and Dr. O. H. Bakemeier.

The organization and extension committee includes Ed Bruck, chairman; C. E. Eash, Hiram Cunningham, Paul Towles, Paul Boardman, Wade Van Slyke, Kenneth Shirley, Samuel Lovelace, A. M. Springer, Paul Dorsey, J. E. Millican and Murray Dalman.

Committeemen from the Central Indiana Council District will meet at 3 p. m. Sunday in the Brookside Community Center for a planning session.

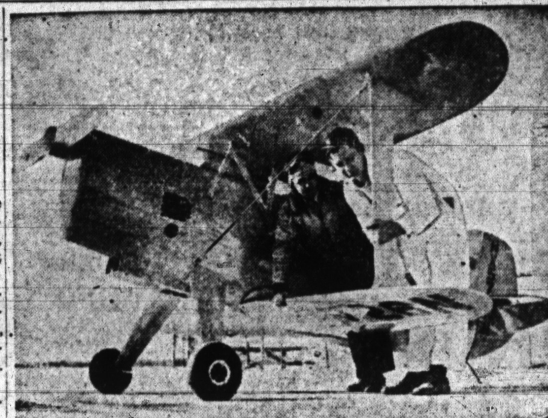
The meeting will be under the direction of Wilson Mothershead, council president. Ralph Mozo, assistant national director of senior scouting, will be a guest.

### Naomi Auxiliary Of OES Will Meet

Naomi Auxiliary, OES, will meet at noon tomorrow in the home of Mrs. Euna Douglass, 4912 E. 10th St., for a luncheon and business meeting.

New officers of the organization are: Mrs. Helen Sheets, president; Mrs. Betty Sample, vice president; Mrs. Hazel Pfleger, secretary; and Mrs. Augusta Grunmann, treasurer.

Directors are Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Zola Mae Jackson and Mrs. Hazel Brown.



IT ACTUALLY FLIES—This is an airplane, and it flies. The vest-pocket plywood-and-parachute contraption made its successful maiden flight in Milwaukee, Wis., with Robert E. Huggins, left, at the controls. It took Edward O. Effenheim, right, a year and \$500 to build 500-pound plane.

## Abandons Concert Career To Become Carmelite Nun

Miss Gloria Brown, young convert to the Catholic Church, will receive the habit of Carmel at a public ceremony Saturday at 9:30 a. m. in the Carmelite Monastery on the Gold Spring Road.

The Most Rev. Paul C. Schulte, archbishop of Indianapolis, will offer the mass and preside at the clothing ceremonies following it in the Chapel of the Resurrection. Reverend Mother Miriam of the Child Jesus, successor to Reverend Mother Agnes, who is now in Terre Haute, is in charge of arrangements.

Miss Brown's home is in Illinois. She became a Catholic while a student at Sophie Newcomb College connected with Tulane University, New Orleans. At the time of her conversion, she was majoring in music with a view to becoming a concert singer.

She sang the part of Eurydice in Gluck's "Orpheus and Eurydice" presented in her junior year by Tulane. She studied also at the University of Chicago and was graduated last year from Barat College of the Sacred Heart, Lake Forest, Ill.

The Rev. Fr. Robert J. Stenson, S. J., of Oak Park, will speak during the Saturday ceremonies. Elmer Steffen, K. S. G., will conduct the music.

After the ceremonies on Saturday and again on Sunday and Monday, Sister Gloria will talk with friends and guests in the large speaking room of the monastery.

TOP PRODUCER OF CORN—The U. S. 1946 corn crop represents 65 per cent of the world total.

## New Year's Sleet Cost \$1,461,200

### Nearly 2000 Miles Of Lines Down

Last week's New Year's Day sleet storm in northern Indiana caused damage to power and communications facilities estimated at \$1,461,200, the engineering department of the Public Service Commission, reported today.

Approximately half the damage affected four major power companies and the Rural Electrification Membership Corp., the engineers report said. The storm knocked out 1377 miles of main transmission lines and nearly 2000 miles of rural electric lines.

Companies affected were the Northern Indiana Public Service Co. at Hammond, Public Service Co. of Indiana with headquarters at Indianapolis and Michigan Co. of So. Bend, and the Indiana Service Corp. at Ft. Wayne.

31,500 Phones Out—An estimated 31,500 telephone subscribers were cut off by the storm which caused \$786,200 damage alone. Eight telephone companies upstate were affected to varying degrees.

While most of the power lines were back in service within three days after the peak of the storm, the PSC engineers reported, it is estimated that some telephone subscribers will be without service until possibly April 1.

The two companies which will require that long to get all subscribers back in service were the Home Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Ft. Wayne and the Northern Indiana Telephone Co. of North Manchester.

Other companies affected estimated complete repairs would be finished in from five days to 10 weeks.

### Yes and No

CAMDEN, N. J. (UP)—One of the city's new parking meters is belfiling motorists. It invites nickels—but it is installed directly beneath a no-parking sign.

AUXILIARY TO HOLD LUNCH—The Ladies Auxiliary of Railway Conductors 103 will meet at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow at 2615½ E. 10th St. for a covered dish luncheon. Officers will be installed at 2 p. m.

PLAN INSTALLATION DINNER—The Marion County Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association will meet at 6:30 p. m. today in the Masonic Temple, 1522 W. Morris St., for a carry-in dinner. New officers will be installed at 8 p. m.

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